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PIERRE R. DE BROUX

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Mr. EASTLAND, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 8253]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 8253) for the relief of Pierre R. De Broux, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to enable Pierre R. De Broux to file a petition for naturalization notwithstanding the fact that he does not meet the residence and physical requirements of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is a 35-year-old native and citizen of Belgium, who presently resides in the Netherlands, where he is employed by the Chrysler Corp. as manager of their foreign assembly division. The beneficiary, his wife and their three children, were lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence in November 1955. In January 1958 he was transferred abroad in his present position. It is stated that the beneficiary is one of the top men in the American automotive industry, and his employer plans to continue the beneficiary's present assignment indefinitely, and without the relief provided in the instant bill, the beneficiary will be unable to meet the naturalization requirements.

At letter, with attached memorandum, dated August 20, 1959, to the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of

Representatives from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization with reference to the case, reads as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER,
Washington, D.C., August 20, 1959.

Hon. EMANUEL CELLER,
*Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: In response to your request for a report relative to the bill (H.R. 8253) for the relief of Pierre R. De Broux, there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary. This memorandum has been prepared from the Immigration and Naturalization Service files relating to the beneficiary by the Detroit, Mich., office of this Service, which has custody of those files. According to the records of this Service, the correct name of the beneficiary is Pierre J. Debroux.

The bill would waive the residence and physical presence requirements of the Immigration and Nationality Act for naturalization.

Sincerely,

J. M. SWING, *Commissioner.*

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND
NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILES RE PIERRE J. DEBROUX,
BENEFICIARY OF H.R. 8253

Information concerning the case was obtained from Mr. Charles M. Murrell, personnel director of the international operations group staff, Chrysler Corp., Center Line, Mich.

The beneficiary, a native and citizen of Belgium, was born on March 23, 1925. He resides in Rotterdam, Netherlands, where he is employed as the general manager of the Chrysler Corp.'s Benelux Assembly Division, which consists of plants in Rotterdam, Netherlands, and Antwerp, Belgium. Mr. Debroux holds the degrees of bachelor of arts in electrical engineering and master of arts in business administration. Information concerning the extent of his assets is not available. His annual salary is approximately \$20,000.

Mr. Debroux was married in 1949, in Belgium, to Paulette Bertrand, a native and citizen of that country. They have four minor children. Three were born in the Belgian Congo, and are citizens of Belgium. The youngest child was born in Detroit, Mich., in 1957, and is a citizen of the United States. They reside together in Rotterdam, Netherlands.

Mr. Debroux visited the United States for 6 months in 1955. He returned to Belgium, and on November 22, 1955, he, his wife, and three children were admitted to the United States for permanent residence. Mr. Debroux was employed by the Ford Motor Co., Dearborn, Mich., as a market representation analyst from the time of entry until September 1957, at which time he joined the Chrysler Corp. He was transferred abroad in January 1958, and has held his present

position since March 1, 1958. The beneficiary has remained abroad continuously since January 1958, except for a 2-week period in June 1959, when he returned to the United States on company business.

According to Mr. Murrell, the Chrysler Corp. considered that it cannot spare the beneficiary from his present assignment, and expects to keep him abroad indefinitely.

Congressman Thaddeus M. Machrowicz, the author of the bill, appeared before a subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and testified in support of the bill, as follows:

Mr. Chairman, this is a bill for the relief of Pierre J. DeBroux. It would waive the residence and physical presence requirements of the Immigration and Nationality Act for naturalization.

Pierre J. DeBroux is a native and citizen of Belgium and was born on March 23, 1925. He holds the degrees of bachelor of arts in electrical engineering and master of arts in business administration. He now resides in Rotterdam, Netherlands, where he is employed as the general manager of the Chrysler Corp.'s Benelux Assembly Division, which consists of plants in Netherlands and Belgium. He is considered one of the top men in the American automotive industry.

He was married in 1949 to Paulette Bertrand, a native and citizen of Belgium. They have four minor children of which three were born in the Belgian Congo and one in Detroit, Mich., in 1957. The latter is entitled to U.S. citizenship.

Mr. DeBroux first came to the United States in January 1955 on a visitor's visa. In November 1955 he secured an immigrant visa.

He was first employed by the Ford Motor Co. as a market representation analyst from the time of his entry until September 1957, at which time he joined the Chrysler Corp. In January 1958 he was transferred abroad and has held his present position since March 1, 1958. He has been in Rotterdam, Netherlands, since January 1958 except for brief periods when he returned to the United States on company business.

Responsible heads in the automotive industry consider him extremely valuable in the type of work he is doing. At present they feel that he has a valuable potential for the future. They certify that he is carrying very heavy responsibilities. It would, therefore, be difficult for him to remain an extended time in the United States preceding the filing of his petition for naturalization which he very earnestly desires to do.

He received a certificate of proficiency in marketing from the University of Syracuse in New York after being selected as one of eight industrial managers to participate in the executive control indoctrination program at Syracuse University, under sponsorship of the U.S. Government.

I respectfully submit he is a person of high character and worthy of American citizenship. I would, therefore, urge the committee that the statutory requirements be waived in his case.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (H.R. 8253) should be enacted.

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